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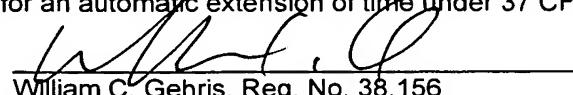
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For: **TRANSFER LAYER OF LIQUID FLUIDS AND AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE  
 INCORPORATING THE SAME**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Final Office Action (9 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- No fee for additional claims is required.
- A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:
  
- Also transmitted herewith are:
  - Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 - Two (2) Months
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- Check(s) in the amount of **\$970.00** is attached to cover:
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
  - Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
  - Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.



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